

HOUSE RESOLUTION 282

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of
American Legion Hilton Stone Post 279 of
Woodbury.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their individual members who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, recently receiving their organizational charter from the national headquarters of the American Legion, the newly formed American Legion Hilton Stone Post 279 is most assuredly one such extraordinary group deserving of praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, since its inaugural year in 1919, the American Legion has grown to more than 3 million members; comprised of veterans from every war and military action since World War I, the American Legion is the largest wartime veterans group in the nation; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the American Legion has stood for the values enshrined in the Constitution and symbolized by the red, white, and blue; and

WHEREAS, the newly chartered post located in Woodbury, Tennessee, was named in honor of Master Sergeant Hilton Stone, United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, entering the U.S. Army in 1932, he served heroically and honorably in the Army Air Corps and later in the United States Air Force when it was formed as a separate branch of the U.S. military in 1947; and

WHEREAS, he served this nation with honor and distinction for many years, originally in the horse cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, and later as a food service supervisor, managing several mess halls around the country, including the Officer's Open Mess at Camp Wheeler, the

Consolidated Mess Hall at Langley Field, the Consolidated Mess Hall and the Officer's Open Mess at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his last years in the military, he served as an exemplary recruiter in Middle Tennessee for the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force; he was honored with induction into the prestigious United States Air Force Million Dollar Club in recognition of his efforts and remarkable accomplishments in recruiting; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-one Charter Members of Post 279 are Danny D. Bowling, Jimmie B. Adcock, Penny K. Daniels, Ronald L. Lewis, Michael Todd Reed, Grady S. George, Jeffery S. Powell, Britt A. Knox, James N. Lassiter, Keith A. Daniels, Billy Clay White, Charley Frank Stone, Ronald K. Timmons, Sam S. Bone, Sr., James E. Stone, William L. Tidwell, Robert E. Stoetzel, Charles F. Harrell, Ronald O. Hayes, Bobby Earl Ferrell, and Randy A. Gerdes; and

WHEREAS, for over ninety years, the American Legion has stalwartly supported various public service groups, and written, proposed, and lobbied legislation to benefit veterans and support our forefathers' vision for this country; and

WHEREAS, Legionnaires are proud of their organization and its constant vigilance to uphold the core values of our nation—liberty, justice, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Legion members have remained true to their founders' vision of a long-standing commitment to America's veterans, a vision that is consistent with the first rule of battle, "We will not fail those with whom we serve"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor the esteemed members of the newly formed American Legion Hilton Stone Post 279; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of American Legion Hilton Stone Post 279 of Woodbury, Tennessee, upon their recent formation and receipt of their organizational charter from the American Legion national headquarters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the members of American Legion Hilton Stone Post 279 for their meritorious service to the veterans of the United States and

extend our best wishes for a long and productive future and much continued success in all their endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.